



Shirley Dulaney Henson

January 1, 1948 - June 27, 2023

Shirley Dulaney Henson, long-time resident of Oxford, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at the age of 75.

Shirley was born in Calhoun County on January 1, 1948 to S.E. “Doc” and Daphna Harlin Dulaney. Shirley grew up in the Saks community and after marrying Jimmy “Big Daddy” Henson in December, 1969 she became a resident of Oxford, Alabama.

Ms. Henson was a devoted spouse and dedicated employee. She was employed by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company for 20 years where she worked as an office manager for human resources and inventory auditor. In 1993 the City of Oxford gained a loyal employee when Ms. Henson was appointed City Clerk. Before retiring from the City of Oxford with 25 years of service, Ms. Henson served as President of the Alabama Association of Municipal Clerks. She truly enjoyed the bonds and friendships she made with other Alabama City Clerks, as well as the opportunities to help residents in the community.

Outside of work, Ms. Henson made time to be involved in the community through service organizations and her church. She was an active member of Altrusa International, volunteered with United Way to strengthen their workplace campaigns, and she served as a Wednesday night children’s and teen girls’ Bible Study leader in her church, Lakeview Baptist.

Ms. Henson's contributions to the community and in the workplace were second to her role as a mother.

Through all facets of their life - from the growing up years of ensuring her girls were present and involved in church, to spending countless hours cheering them on in their extra-curricular activities, to walking alongside them through marriage and parenthood, and to holding their hands through her final breath - she raised her girls on a foundation of faith.

Survivors include her two daughters, Mandi Rouyea (Brad) of St. Amant, LA and Amy Miller (Alan) of Birmingham, AL; six grandchildren, D'Nea Wells, Kayne Rouyea, Landon Rouyea, Judd Rouyea, Harrison Miller, and Aden Miller; six great-grandchildren, three sisters: Carolyn Womack (Bill), Peggy Jackson (Wayne), and Myra Bushard (Bryan); and one brother, Donald Dulaney (Margie); one brother-in-law, Don Shaddix and one sister-in-law; Becky Dulaney.

Ms. Henson was preceded in death by her parents: S.E. "Doc" and Daphna Dulaney; her loving husband of almost 30 years: Jimmy "Big Daddy" Henson; sister: Gale Shaddix; and brother: Sam Dulaney.

Funeral services for Ms. Henson will be on Saturday, July 1st at Lakeview Baptist Church (132 Central Ave., Oxford, AL 36203). Visitation will be from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Funeral service will follow at 12:00pm with a graveside service immediately following at Oxford Memorial Gardens (100 McKibbon St., Oxford, AL 36203). Bro. Jerry Starling, retired Lakeview Baptist pastor and friend, will be officiating.

Pallbearers will be: Alan Miller, Brad Rouyea, Aden Miller, Harrison Miller, Judd Rouyea, Kayne Rouyea, Bennett Dulaney. Honorary pallbearer: Donald Dulaney

Our family would like to recognize and share our sincerest appreciation to special caregivers who became like family to Ms. Henson and her daughters: Debbie Brooks, Longleaf Liberty Park Memory Care team, HOPE Hospice, the James House CNAs and RNs of the Cottages at St. Martin's in the Pines, and Expect Care Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Memorial Gardens

220 McKibbon St
Oxford, AL 36203

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lakeview Baptist Church
132 Central Ave
Oxford, AL 36203

Service

JUL 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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132 Central Ave
Oxford, AL 36203

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Prayers for the Henson and Dulaney families. May God comfort all of you in your time of need. So sorry for your loss. Love you all,
Sandra and Eddie Hanvey

sandra hanvey - July 01, 2023 at 08:25 PM

TF

“ The Howell Family lit a candle in memory of
Shirley Dulaney Henson



The Howell Family - July 01, 2023 at 09:54 AM

RB

“ I have such fond memories of Shirley and I from high school and getting together to help plan our class reunions. Such a sweet lady.

Rita Garing Bumpus - July 01, 2023 at 08:20 AM

LA

“ Linda Buckelew Austin lit a candle in memory
of Shirley Dulaney Henson



Linda Buckelew Austin - June 28, 2023 at 11:29 PM

KW

“ *KITTY 'POLK' WHITE lit a candle in memory of Shirley Dulaney Henson*



KITTY 'POLK' WHITE - June 28, 2023 at 05:23 PM

JR

“ *June Land Reaves lit a candle in memory of Shirley Dulaney Henson*



June Land Reaves - June 28, 2023 at 04:43 PM

JR

“ *When I was elected to Oxford City Council 2004-2012, Shirley was such a wonderful mentor., We traveled together to meetings and state and national league training events, She was a such a classy lady and I am thankful to have known her. .(She also introduced me to "CHICOS") My thoughts and prayers are with her family.
Love, June Land Reaves*

June Land Reaves - June 28, 2023 at 04:41 PM

DR

Shirley was a wonderful lady. Her and big daddy raise their correctly. Condolences to the family as well as the Donald Dulaney and Wayne Jackson families. I will not be able to come to the funeral due to age and distance but may God be with the whole family.

Dempsey Roger - June 29, 2023 at 03:05 PM

CO

Shirley was a wonderful City Clerk and a great Friend. Condolences from District IV Municipal Clerks and the AAMCA. Lot of prayers to her family. May peace be found in the days ahead with beautiful memories of a special Lady. Cynthia Osborne, Southside

Cynthia Osborne - July 02, 2023 at 05:45 PM

JH

So sad to hear this. I knew Jim from when we were teenagers & knew Shirley from before she met Jim. Blessed to call them both friends.

Joan Freeman Howell - July 23, 2023 at 01:11 AM